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Re: New U.S. Patent Application of **Rolf PFEIFER and Jialin SHEN**
Entitled: **CERAMIC CASTING MOLD FOR CASTING METAL AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION**

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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including the German language specification, claims, and abstract, one (1) sheet of formal drawings, English language translation, Preliminary Amendment and certified copy of the German Application No.: 103 17 473.7. The Declaration and Power of Attorney will be filed at a later date.

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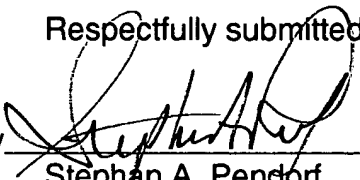
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Priority is claimed from April 16, 2003, based on German Patent Application No. 103 17 473.7.

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